

THE REGISTER.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1875.

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Dated Feb'y, 19th, 1875.

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Groceries, Four and Feed, at D. B. ALLEN'S.

—Lots of people in town last Saturday.

—A small installment of snow last Thursday.

—Good prospect for an early spring. Plant corn early.

—Our County Clerk, H. A. Needham, is again at his post.

—Congregational meeting at the Presbyterian Church to-day at 2 o'clock.

—W. T. McElroy, of the Humboldt Union, was in town this week.

—Mr. Colborn has received some fine specimens of California dried fruits.

—Gorrell & Robinson want relief in shape of payment of accounts due them.

—District Court two weeks from next Monday. We will publish the list of cases next week.

—Mrs. Pinkerton, in company with Mr. McMaster, started for Dayton, Ohio, yesterday morning.

—Prof. R. R. Redfield, of Humboldt, meets his music class here promptly every Thursday evening.

—Persons interested in vocal music should attend the meeting at the school house next Friday evening.

—Mr. Coulter, of Baxter Springs, started last Monday, with the remains of Rev. J. W. Pinkerton, for Sparta, Illinois.

—Jno. A. Allison, who has been visiting friends in our city for some time past, returned to Indianapolis, Indiana, this week.

—Mad dogs are reported in several counties in the State, and it may yet become necessary to scalp the worthless curs around Iowa.

—Next week we will publish a report from Mr. Christy giving an account of the supplies as distributed by him to the destitute of this county.

—Last Tuesday quite a number of our people looked up their garden and flower seeds. They put them back in winter quarters Wednesday morning.

—Our old friend J. E. Ireland was in our city this week. It is refreshing these dull times to have a call from a man like Ireland who is always full of life and enthusiasm.

It is stated of Senator Bartlett that he objects to being called a Democrat, and he suggests the propriety of letting the new party go without a name for the present, and call it "Bub."

—Sam Couchman, of Geneva, is off for Colorado Springs. Under all circumstances and on all occasions Sam is never known to be otherwise than "jolly." Success be with him.

—The Commissioners held a meeting last Monday and appointed John Francis and Paul Fisher to assist our Probate Judge in examining the books and accounts of our County Treasurer.

—The discharge papers of Hiram Martin, of the 146th Ind., have been left at the office of H. A. Needham, our County Clerk. This discharge was found between Humboldt and Fredonia.

—Mr. John McMaster, of Dayton, Ohio, Mrs. Pinkerton's brother-in-law was in our city this week. He came to take Mrs. Pinkerton to Dayton where in the future she will make her home with her mother.

—The funeral services of Rev. J. W. Pinkerton took place at the Presbyterian church last Sunday afternoon. The last sermon preached in that church by Mr. Pinkerton was at the funeral of Mrs. Keith, just two weeks previous.

—Hon. H. W. Talcott, of Iowa, Kansas, arrived here on the 10th inst. on a visit to his friends, bringing his two little motherless boys to live with their grandparents—Porter County (Ind.) Vidette.

—The Landreth House, at Humboldt, was burned last Thursday. It is supposed to have caught fire from one of the flues in the north-west part of the building. The fire was discovered about day light before it had done much damage, but the people were unable to put it out and this magnificent building was gradually consumed.

—Rev. T. Hill of Kansas City, and Rev. James Lewis, of Humboldt, were in town last Wednesday, looking after the interests of the Presbyterian church here and trying to make arrangements for supplying a pastor to fill Mr. Pinkerton's place.

—The car load of supplies brought by Mr. Christie from near Terra Haute, Indiana, were stored with the supplies of the Grange relief committee, and are being distributed to those persons whose names were taken by Mr. Christie in his trip over the county.

—In another column we publish a letter from Mr. J. G. Fountain, of New Orleans, formerly a citizen of this place. In a letter from New Orleans we would naturally expect something about their troubles there, but Mr. Fountain writes about different matters. Read his letter.

—Our Probate Judge has issued marriage license since he entered upon the duties of his office as follows: E. A. Barber and Elizabeth Watts, R. M. Henly and Martha J. Strickler, D. G. Mann and Martha Shields, John Cation and Ella E. Moffatt. They marry and continue to marry at the rate of four a month.

—We acknowledge the receipt of a copy of the Agricultural Report of the State of Kansas, with compliments of Alfred Gray, Secretary. This Report is an interesting and valuable document, containing statistical exhibits of the State, and sectional maps in colors of every organized county, showing their size, location, natural advantages, etc. It is among the most interesting "public documents" we have ever known, and we predict that it will receive more attention than is usual for such works.

—Many of our farmers are interested—and all should be—in having blue grass pastures. A correspondent of the *Eureka Herald* says the following method has always proved successful: Burn off the prairie in the spring, harrow the ground once, sow about one bushel of seed to three acres and then harrow the ground again. In less than three years, he says you can count on blue grass pasture as a certainty. This is a matter of importance to our stock raisers, and if any of them have a better method than the above we would be glad to hear from them.

LIST OF JURORS

For the March term of the District Court:

C. A. Bell, Geneva township; G. W. Dickerson, Humboldt, Tp.; E. Higginson, Humboldt Tp.; Isaac C. Cuppy, Humboldt Tp.; N. Hankins, Iowa Tp.; R. D. Keeling, Cottage Grove Tp.; J. H. Jamison, Salem Tp.; Robt. Cook, Iowa Tp.; Moses Neal, Humboldt Tp.; Isaac Tibbets, Humboldt Tp.; L. B. Pearsons, Salem Tp.; Thomas McClelland, Deer Creek Tp.

THE RELIEF QUESTION.

In the *Kansas City Times* of the 17th inst. is a letter from "J. C. M." in which the writer asks in the name of the decent men in this State that something be done to puncture that unqualified humbug, "Kansas destitution." The destitution of Kansas is a sad reality, but there are humbly solicited aid in behalf of the destitute of our State, and there are some humbly among those who apply for aid, but the grandest humbly are those who write letters for newspapers and either ignorantly or wilfully misrepresent our situation.

"J. C. M." makes another appeal in behalf of the "decent men of the State," says that some people went from here to Southern Missouri and afterwards returned, saying things were far more discouraging there than here; and that we are far better off this year than we were last. He then makes an attempt at being witty and closes as follows:

But, seriously, this Kansas humbug needs prompt attention. Men are receiving aid all through Southern Kansas who are better off than those who donate it. The counties throughout the State are either expressly authorized by law or are abundantly able to care for and relieve all the deserving poor within their limits. But this they are unwilling to do as long as there are gulls enough outside of the State who are willing to support them, clothe them, winter their stock and furnish them seed for planting in the spring. The action of our Legislature is cowardly and irresolute. They know the real state of things, but seem afraid to act up to their convictions of duty.

Such misrepresentations as the above tend to bring disgrace on our State, and make those who have contributed to the destitute feel as though they had been imposed upon. In this county our Commissioners were the first to move in the matter of securing "aid." They called a public meeting, and at that meeting committees were appointed to canvass the different townships in the county and ascertain the number of those who would have to receive aid. It is true that a great many made application to these committees who were not fit subjects for charity, but it is equally true that they have never received any "aid." The first supplies that were issued in our county were received by our Grange relief committee from the State Relief Board, and were distributed to different Granges and by them to those who were known to be needy and worthy. The supplies distributed this week were made up and sent by the Granges in Vigo county, Ind., under the supervision of Mr. Christy, who canvassed a large part of our county and took the names of those whom he felt assured were in need of immediate assistance.

We have never believed that there were many, if any, persons in our county who would starve without assistance, but it was the opinion of all those who had thoroughly investigated the matter that there were many persons that would have to be helped this winter and receive

further aid in the spring, or be compelled to sacrifice all their stock and in many instances their homes. The men in our county who are soliciting, receiving and distributing aid are not only decent men, but are honorable, upright and truthful as well; and in most instances those who have made contributions to our people have understood about their true situation.

Of the vast amount of supplies that have been sent to our State doubtless much of it is given to those who could by hard labor and sacrifice get through without aid; but there are thousands of people upon our border who, but for the liberality of our friends in other States, would have suffered intensely and many of them would have died from cold and hunger.

OUR LAWMAKERS.

EDITOR REGISTER:—We have learned by many years of experience, to look for but little from a Kansas Legislature. We looked for nothing from the "extra session" except expense, and that was all we got. They all chew the same stick of gum, and of course it will never get fine and so they continue to chew and never think that the way to get rid of it is to spit it out.

As usual the question of "usury" must be attended to and a bill is introduced providing that "any person who shall charge more interest than 12 per cent. per annum either by way of discount, commissions, or other subterfuges, shall forfeit the whole amount of interest so charged." (I believe it also provides that he shall be arrested and incarcerated in a post office or some other place but that does not make the bill any more ridiculous.) The object of the bill is to prevent high rates of interest from being charged by money lenders, and high commission by loan agents.

If the bill will not accomplish that object, then it ought not to become a law. Let us see what effect it will have. There are men in New York who have money to loan at 10 per cent. per annum, and they do business through the banking house of Austin Corbin. Messrs. Murray & Richards are the agents of Austin Corbin with headquarters at Iowa. Now suppose John Smith wishes to borrow \$1,000. He hunts the country over but can find no one with money to loan at 10 or 12 per cent. He applies to Murray & Richards who inform him that they can negotiate a loan for him; that capitalists in New York will loan him the money and only charge him 10 per cent. per annum. This looks moderate, so he asks them what they will charge for their services and is informed that the charge will be \$200; that they have to pay Mr. Corbin out of that amount for attending to the matter in New York. The papers are drawn up and sent to New York and the money comes back and is paid over to the borrower who then pays the attorneys for their services.

Now this is one of the very cases that this proposed law is intended to prevent, and is one of the very ones it will not affect, because the man who loans the money only receives ten per cent. This law or no other one that the legislature can pass will regulate the disposition that a man makes of his money after he has borrowed it. He can pay it to an attorney for services not rendered or he can buy a dog with it. The interest on money will always be regulated by that ineffable law of trade, supply and demand, in spite of a Kansas Legislature spending a thousand dollars a day of the people's money trying to prevent it.

The persistence of our law makers in always trying the wrong way to do anything, is well illustrated by the story of a hunter in the wilds of Michigan who had struck the trail of a rabbit and followed it in the snow until he suddenly found he was lost. Frightened out of his senses he started to run through the woods, first one way then another, around and around he went until at last tired out, his clothes torn, his eyes bloodshot, and his tongue hanging out he sat down in despair where he was found by a trapper, to whom, in the greatest agony he related his troubles. Why, said the trapper, did you not take the back track? That, said the hunter, is just what I have been hunting for all day and could not find it. Year after year the great hunters of Kansas assemble at Topeka and get on the track of that same rabbit and invariably fetch up in about the same style.

Cannot some one "beat 'em off," and turn them around and show them their back track? ALEXANDER.

LETTER FROM LOUISIANA.
NEW ORLEANS, Louisiana,
February 9th, 1875.
S. J. COWAN:—So you thought I "had been caught home." This letter will convince you that I have not, but two years ago on several occasions in the fall I was so near "gathered" that nothing but the hand of Providence prevented that process being served upon me. Had I then "passed through nature into eternity" I should have done so "with all my imperfections on my head." But though I have committed sins both black and innumerable since, I have the assurance that there is one who is "mighty to save," and not only mightily but willing and ready. As for my Christianity, our mutual friend Martin, throws a cloak upon me which is entirely too large and illly fits me, but as to my abstinence principles he is just right. No more am I a welcome guest where liquor is sold, or even drank in a private house, for I have had the scales very effectually drawn from my eyes and I now see the social cup in its very truthfulness. I see it as follows: On the outside, it has a pleasing and very attractive appearance and it has the power to fascinate our brothers and even our sisters, far more than money, health, position, can ever con-

ceive. On the inside, "it is full of dead men's bones" and those bones are those of our intimate friends, of our own blood and kin, and of our own native country's brightest minds.

On last New Year's day night might have been seen had each participant but have looked inside the gold or crystal goblet out of which he drank "Happy New Year, and many happy returns," he, or she, might have seen the imprisoned and degraded spirits of our own Edgar A. Poe, Daniel Webster, Gov. Yates of Illinois, and thousands of our brightest but departed intellects, thronging that goblet, and with all the selfishness of all throngs, crowding each other and asking like Dives the rich man, for "just a drop to cool their parched tongues." This, could I see each goblet, would I see, for as I said my eyes have been opened and by as strong a miracle as any performed by the Master on earth when on earth. This, in my case, is a plain "opening of the eyes of the blind."

And, Sam, as you know I offered this glittering Upan to many mouths in Iowa directly, and by my social moderate drinking among boon companions and business men elsewhere, so I am determined that my voice shall be heard warning the blind, as I pass them, of the marshy ground they are treading, and the numerous pitfalls on every hand, and while the gracious God lets me live, I mean to try and let my eyes out without money and without price, but for love, to all the blind I see, and it requires all my stoutness of heart, of which thank God I have much, for their number is legion, and like the stars of the universe for numbers. This have I done for the past year and may God spare me yet many years and prosper me in this one desire of my life.

Sam, there is yet one poor request I have to make which I did not dream I should have to ask when I sat down to write you, or I should have written this for the press, on one side of the paper, and that request is this: As I led so many astray in Allen county, and opposed the total abstinence movement, have inserted in your Iowa paper and tell the editor (is it yet Louis Walker?) to commence the extract by saying that the writer of the following article is one Joseph G. Fountain, who formerly kept a saloon in this town, and by his personal and frequent drinking bouts helped to plant the seeds of eternal ruin, or anything he wants to say—he can't say anything too strong.

Yours sincerely,
JOE G. FOUNTAIN.

[FOR THE REGISTER.]
DIED.

February 10th, 1875, little Muzetta, daughter of Dennes and Emma McCarty aged 13 months.

Like a playful beam that wanders
From the vales of Elysium bright,
Came our loving, gentle Zetta,
With her eyes of laughing light.
Waking every tender feeling,
Twining closer day by day
Round the hearth that wept in sorrow,
When our idol passed away.

She our hearts and hopes to gladden
In this fleeting world below,
She our bosom's angel treasure,
O, 'twas hard to let her go.
From our lonely cottage window
Looking toward the golden west,
We can watch the shadows dying
Where we laid her down to rest.

Where the bird of evening carols
By the fountain soft and clear,
Oh we listen fondly dreaming
Zetta's spirit hovers near.
We shall know our precious darling,
Far above the azure skies;
She has gone to meet the angels
Where the sunlight never dies.

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ALLEN COUNTY, KANSAS.
February 18th, 1875.

County fund.....	2,038 30
Jail bond fund.....	241 00
Poor farm fund.....	148 00
L. L. & C. R. R. bond fund.....	672 00
Stray and fine fund.....	35 00
School land fund.....	286 74
Geneva township road fund.....	71 75
Deer Creek Tp. general revenue fund.....	90 43
do do road fund.....	47 13
Osage township general revenue fund.....	67 05
do do road fund.....	90 07
Iola township general revenue fund.....	1 45
do do road fund.....	10 00
Elm township general revenue fund.....	40 41
do do road fund.....	160 14
Ellipton township road fund.....	13
Humboldt Tp. general revenue fund.....	17 82
do do road fund.....	1 22
do do bond fund.....	11 39
Salem township general revenue fund.....	34 74
Cottage Grove Tp. general revenue fund.....	41 00
do do road fund.....	31 12
Iola City road fund.....	5 03
Humboldt city general revenue fund.....	823 24
do do road fund.....	6 70
Commission goods.....	2 67
L. L. & C. R. R. right of way.....	128 05
M. K. & T. R. R. do do.....	6 32
Woodson county orders.....	250 35
School District No. 1.....	71 34
do do do.....	31 85
do do do.....	3 76
do do do.....	102 40
do do do.....	90 49
do do do.....	84
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do do do.....	52 18
do do do.....	257 10
do do do.....	52 18
do do do.....	12 60
do do do.....	75 89
do do do.....	557 09
Due holders of tax sale certificates.....	550 00
State funds (per cent.) payable to Al- co	